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application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

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1. 🖊	If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2	If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
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4	_If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.

for electronically receiving customer forecasted demands for procurement of direct material by a supply chain server, electronically analyzing (by the supply chain server) the customer forecasted demands to determine whether the customer forecasted demands are valid, and electronically sending (by the supply chain server) the customer forecasted demands to at least one supplier when the customer forecasted demands are determined to be valid. Further, and with respect to the Examiner's Official Notice taken in view of claims 1, 5-7, 12-18, 21-28, 70, 74-76, 81-87 and 90-97, applicant respectfully submits that the combination of Bellini and Landvater does not teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, the claimed features taught by applicant's claims 1 and 70. Therefore, reconsideration with respect to claims 2-4, 8-11, 19-20, 71-73, 77-80 and 88-89 is respectfully requested. Claims 2-4, 8-11, 19-20, 71-73, 77-80 and 88-89 depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1 or claim 70, respectively, and are, therefore, patentable for the same reasons, as well as because of the features set forth in those claims with the combination of features set forth in the claims from which they depend.

For the reasons set forth above, claims 1-28 and claims 70-97 are believed to be in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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